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SUB:POSSIBLE EXTRADITION OF US CITIZEN NATHAN

LEWIS FINKELSTEIN

REF A) MADRAS 655 B) NEW DELHI 7519 C. ANKARA 5212

1.ON A WORKING VISIT JULY 12/13 DEA/ASAIC LORENZ AND POST
NARCOTICS OFFICER LEE WERE ABLE TO DIG INTO THE REQUEST PRESENTED
TO LEE AND FORWARDED IN A LOW KEY MANNER BY REFTEL A.

2. MOST IMPORTANT IS THAT THERE IS NOT RPT NO URGENCY IN GETTING
EXTRADITION PROCEEDINGS UNDER WAY FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS

A. ORIGINAL REQUEST TO CONSIDER EXTRADITION WAS HEADED UP
BY LOCAL BUREAU OF IMMIGRATION WAS SENT TO MINISTRY OF HOME
AFFAIRS IN DELHI ON MARCY 3,1973. TO DATE NO KNOWN ACTION
HAS BEEN TAKEN BY NEW DELHI GOI OFFICIALS WHO WERE ASKED
TO APPROACH THE EMBASSY ON REQUESTING EXTRADITION

B. THERE ALSO SEEMS TO BE SOME DIFFERENCE OF UNDERSTANDING
THAT WAS NOT EVIDENT WHEN REFTEL A WAS SENT TO NEW DELHI
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ALTHOUGH IMMIGRATION CHIEF ASSURED LEE THE

LOCAL CENTRAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (WHICH HOLDS JURISDICTION IN THE PENDING CASE AGAINST SUBJ) WAS IN COMPLETE AGREEMENT WITH HIS REQUEST A CHAT WITH THE LOCAL HEAD OF CBI PROVED THAT THIS WAS NOT SO. IN FACT LOCAL BI IS INDEED GOING TO PRESS FOR A CONVICTION AND EXPECTS THAT TRIAL WILL COME OFF WITHIN A FEW MONTHS. THEREFORE REFTEL A PARA 4 NO LONGER HOLDS TRUE. CBI INDICATED 9 TO 1 ODDS FOR CONVICTION. EXTRADITION WOULD BE AFTER SUBJECT STANDS TRIAL HERE AND IF CONVICTED AFTER HE SERVES HIS TIME. A SECOND FINDING TRIAL IN BIHAR WOULD BE HELD IN ABEYANCE WITH PREFERENCE OF EXTRADITION TO USA FAVORED BY LOCAL OFFICIALS.

3. GIVEN THE ABOVE WHERE A. MINISTRY IN DELHI HAS NOT ACTED IN OVER THREE MONTHS, B) LOCAL ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES CAN NOT AGREE AND C) THAT CBI IS PRESSING FOR A CONVICTION WHICH COULD LEAD TO A SENTENCE OF ROUGHLY TWO PLUS YEARS, LORENZ AND LEE BOTH FEEL THAT THE SUBJECT OF EXTRADITION CAN PROCEED AT ITS PRESENT RATE. GOI CBI AND IMMIGRATION RANKING OFFICERS AT MADRAS ENCOURAGE EXTRADITION AND FEEL ITS PRECEDENCE WOULD BE FAVORABLE TO FUTURE COOPERATIVE VENTURES.
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